

Bread of Life

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Welcome to Zion

We are so glad you are here. We are all imperfect and broken people, blessed to receive the gifts of our loving and gracious God. Today, side by side, we will hear the words of God through holy Scripture, and preaching of His word. We also will be strengthened by the Sacraments that Jesus Christ Himself instituted, and we will participate in the fellowship that God gives us through the family gathered in this place.

Gathering

Prelude

Some may use the prelude as a time for meditation

Please stand

Entrance Hymn

Invocation

Matthew 28:19B; [18:20]

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Confession & Holy Absolution

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection & self-examination

- Most Merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

 Amen.

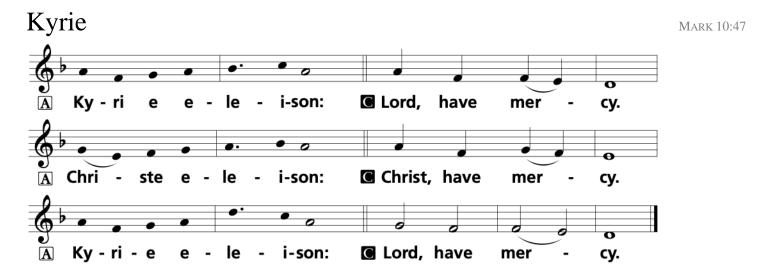
The minister stands and addresses the congregation

- Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the \(\mathbf{Y}\) Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

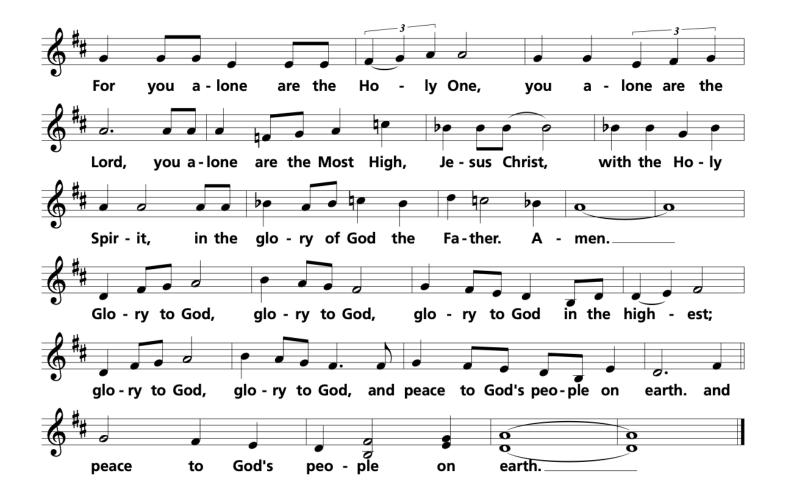
The presiding minister greets the congregation

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 - And also with you.



Hymn of Praise





Salutation & Collect of the Day

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- E Let us pray:

The Collect of the Day is prayed

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Anthem or solo may be sung at this time

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

JOHN 6:68



Holy Gospel Reading

- The Holy Gospel according to _____, the ____ Chapter.
- **■** Glory to You, O Lord.
- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

The Creed

Together we confess The Apostles' Creed
I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

[2 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each collect

- Lord, in Your mercy,
- Hear our prayer.

All prayers conclude:

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
 - And also with you.

Please be seated

Service of the Sacrament

The Offering

PSALM 116:12-13, 17-19

Offertory

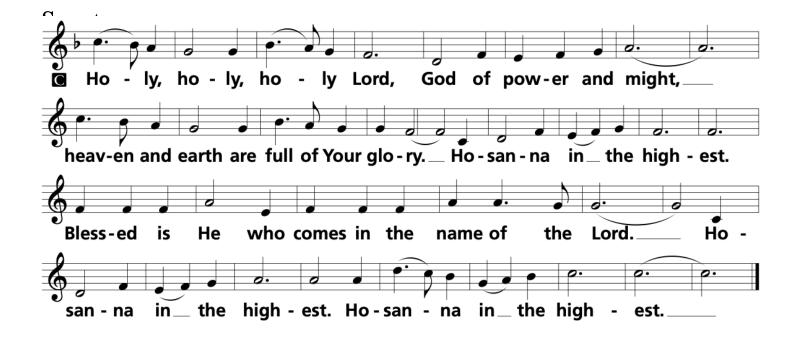
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- A Let us pray: Blessed are You,
- O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proper Preface

- The Lord be with you.
 - And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts.
 - We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 - **■** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 - It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord...Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:



Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
 - **■** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

MATTHEW 6:9-13

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

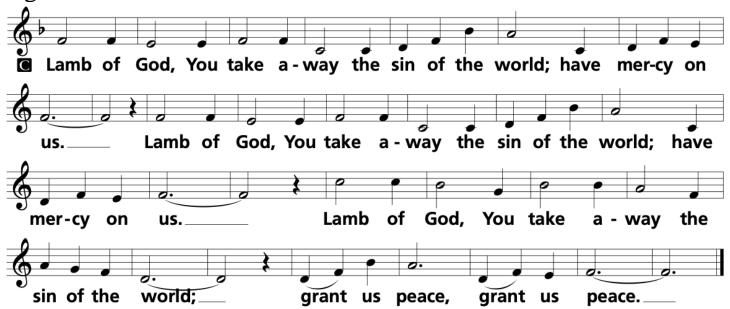
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Agnus Dei



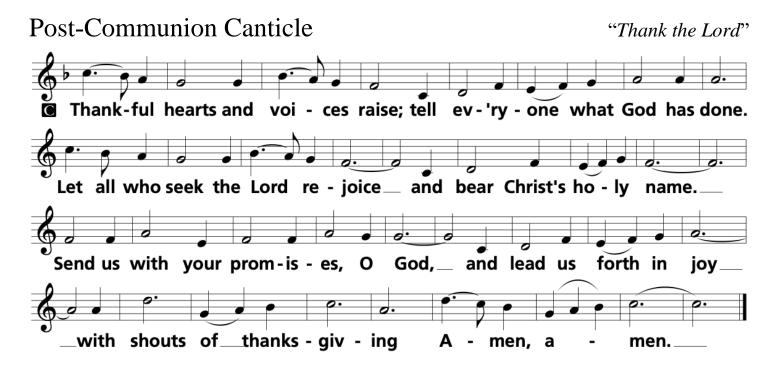
An usher will direct you to the altar in an orderly fashion

Communion can be received from Pastor, or self-serve on tray with sealed elements.

Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during our Worship Service. This is considered an intimate fellowship with our Lord as we 'discern' Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, in giving us His body and blood, for the forgiveness of our sins. We invite you to participate in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion if: You are a Christian, have been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Christian Faith, and believe that the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus is present in the bread and wine you receive at this Altar. If you do not believe or understand this, please meet with Pastor Francis following church services, and come to the Altar during Communion, crossing your arms over your chest to receive Christ's blessing.

Music During the Distribution

Please Stand



Post-Communion Prayer

- Let us pray. We give You thanks Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- A Amen.

Blessing

- Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
 - Amen.

Closing Hymn

- © Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
 - **■** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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